

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An apparatus for holding a decorative figurine and a light source, the apparatus comprising:

a frame having a substantially planar portion and an outwardly projecting portion, the frame being adapted to captively receive the decorative figurine, and the outwardly projecting portion having a plurality of curved members configured to form a dress-shaped lampshade structure;

a hook coupled to the frame for suspending the frame from a separate structure;

a light socket positioned between the outwardly projecting portion of the frame and the planar portion of the frame, configured to operatively receive a light source and having means for selectively turning the light source on and off; and

fabric positioned over at least the outwardly projecting portion of the frame, and wherein at least a portion of the fabric is capable of allowing light from the light source to pass through the fabric.

2. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the substantially planar portion of the frame is configured to be positionable contiguous to an adjacent structure.

3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
a backdrop member coupled to the frame, the backdrop member having a back surface and the back surface being positionable against a flat surface to help stabilize the frame when the frame is suspended by the hook.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
a material positioned across a bottom portion of the apparatus to soften any glare emitted from the light source.
5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the frame is made from molded plastic.
6. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the frame is made from wire.
7. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:
means for preparing the surface of the frame, whereby the fabric adheres more easily to the frame.
8. (Original) A method for manufacturing a figurine lamp with an illuminating dress, the method comprising:
securing a figurine to a frame having a planar portion and an outwardly projecting portion;
securing a fabric with light reflective qualities to the outwardly projecting portion of the frame;
coupling a hook to the frame for suspending the frame from a separate structure; and
coupling a light socket between the planar portion of the frame and the outwardly projecting portion of the frame.
9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
securing a plurality of curved members to the outwardly projecting portion of the frame to form a dress-shaped lampshade structure.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
coupling a backdrop member to the frame, the backdrop member having a back surface and the back surface being positionable against a flat surface to help stabilize the frame when the frame is suspended by the hook.
11. (Original) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
making the frame from molded plastic.
12. (Original) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
making the frame from wire.
13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:
affixing surface preparation means to the frame whereby the fabric adheres more easily to the frame.
14. (Original) The method according to claim 8, further comprising:
securing a material across a bottom portion of the apparatus to soften any glare emitted from the light source.
15. (New) A hanging decorative lighting frame for supporting a figurine having a dress, the frame comprising:
a frame comprising a front portion and a back portion,
the front portion comprising a plurality of curved members forming a skirt-supporting structure for supporting a skirt portion of a dress, the plurality of curved members having an axial length,
the back portion comprising a substantially planar portion forming a support structure for supporting the frame against a separate adjoining surface when the frame is suspended from the separate adjoining surface, the substantially planar portion having an axial length, wherein the axial length of the substantially planar portion and the axial length of the plurality of curved members are substantially juxtaposed;

a light structure configured to receive a light source, the light structure positioned between the substantially planar portion and the plurality of curved members; and fabric positioned over at least a portion of the plurality of curved members, wherein at least a portion of the fabric can allow light from the light source to pass therethrough.

16. (New) The frame of claim 15 further comprising a fastener coupled to the frame for suspending the frame from the separate adjoining surface.

17. (New) The frame of claim 16 wherein the fastener comprises a hook, wherein the substantially planar portion abuts the separate adjoining surface when the frame is suspended from the hook.

18. (New) The frame of claim 15 further comprising:
a backdrop member coupled to the frame, the backdrop member having a back surface and the back surface positionable against a flat surface to help stabilize the frame when the frame is suspended from the separate adjoining surface.

19. (New) The frame of claim 15 wherein the light structure comprises a light socket positioned between the plurality of curved members and the substantially planar portion, the light socket configured to operatively receive a light source and configured for selectively turning the light source on and off.

20. (New) The frame of claim 15 further comprising a figurine having a dress coupled to the frame.